## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Previously presented) A compound of formula (I) or (II):

$$R_2$$
 $R_2$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_2$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 
 $R_5$ 
 $R_7$ 
 $R_7$ 

wherein

X is -O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>- or -C(O)-;

Z is -CHR<sub>12</sub>- or valence bond;

Y is  $-CH_{2}$ -, -C(O)-,  $CH(OR_{13})$ -, -O-, -S-;

provided that in case Z is a valence bond, Y is not C(O);

the dashed line represents an optional double bond in which case Z is  $-CR_{12}$ and Y is  $-CH_{2}$ -, -C(O)- or  $CH(OR_{10})$ - (in formula II) or -CH- (in formula I);

 $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are independently H, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, -NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, -CF<sub>3</sub>, -OH, benzyloxy or a group of formula (IIIa)

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 $R_1$  is H, CN, halogen, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -COOR<sub>15</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>15</sub>R<sub>18</sub>, NHC(O)R<sub>5</sub>, NHCH<sub>2</sub>R<sub>5</sub>, NHR<sub>20</sub>, NR<sub>21</sub>R<sub>22</sub>, NHC(NH)NHCH<sub>3</sub> or, in case the compound is of formula (II) wherein the optional double bond exists or in case R<sub>2</sub> or R<sub>3</sub> is benzyloxy or a group of formula (IIIa), R<sub>1</sub> can also be -NO<sub>2</sub> or NR<sub>16</sub>R<sub>17</sub>;

 $R_4$  is H, -NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, halogen, -CONH<sub>2</sub>, -COOR<sub>15</sub>, -CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>15</sub>R<sub>18</sub>, -NR<sub>16</sub>R<sub>17</sub>, -NHC(O)R<sub>5</sub> or -NHC(NH)NHCH<sub>3</sub>;

 $R_5$  is alkyl substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxy, or carboxyalkyl, in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxyl, -CHR $_6$ NR $_7$ R $_8$  or one of the following groups:

W is N or CH;

Q is CHR<sub>14</sub>, NR<sub>9</sub>, S or O;

R<sub>6</sub> is H or lower alkyl;

 $R_{7} \ \text{and} \ R_{8} \ \text{are independently H, acyl, lower alkyl or lower hydroxyalkyl;}$ 

R<sub>9</sub> is H, lower alkyl or phenyl;

 $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  are independently H or lower alkyl;

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R<sub>12</sub> is H or lower alkyl;

R<sub>13</sub> is H, alkylsulfonyl or acyl;

R<sub>14</sub> is H, -OH, -COOR<sub>15</sub>;

R<sub>15</sub> is H or lower alkyl;

 $R_{16}$  and  $R_{17}$  are independently H, acyl, alkylsulfonyl, -C(S)NHR<sub>18</sub> or -C(O)NHR<sub>18</sub>;

R<sub>18</sub> is H or lower alkyl;

R<sub>19</sub> is H or -OH;

R<sub>20</sub> is a pyridinyl group optionally substituted with a –NO<sub>2</sub> group;

 $R_{21}$  and  $R_{22}$  are lower alkyl;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

- 2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R_1$  is -NHC(O) $R_5$ , X is O, Y is CH<sub>2</sub> and Z is CHR<sub>12</sub>.
- 3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein Z is CH<sub>2</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> is alkyl substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxy, or carboxyalkyl, in which the alkyl portion is optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, amino and hydroxyl, -CHR<sub>6</sub>NR<sub>7</sub>R<sub>8</sub> or one of the following groups:

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4. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein  $R_2$  or  $R_3$  is a benzyloxy or a group of formula (IIIa)

- 5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4 wherein R<sub>4</sub> is NO<sub>2</sub>.
- 6. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 4 wherein  $R_1$  is  $NO_2$ .

Claims 7-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A compound according to claim 5 wherein  $R_1$  is  $NO_2$ .